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Mr. David P. Simonson
Department of Energy
Rocky Flats Area Office
P.O. Box 928
Golden, CO 80402-0928re: Final OU 2 IM/IRA Plan & Resp. Summary
(Walnut Creek Basin)

Dear Mr. Simonson:

This letter serves as notice of EPA approval for the Final OU 2 Surface Water (Walnut Creek Basin) IM/IRA Plan and Responsiveness Summary, dated 11 January 1990. Field work initiation remains contingent on completion of an adequate Site Specific Health and Safety Plan (SSHSP) for this action; and submittal/approval of a Standard Operating Procedure Addendum (SOPA), as necessary. The approval of this Final Decision Document is required in accordance with the terms of the Interagency Agreement (IAG) between EPA, CDH, and DOE.

Although your transmittal letter states that contracting problems may delay subsequent IM/IRA elements, EPA is granting this document approval with the expectation that DOE will exert any additional efforts necessary to comply with all schedule deadlines as presently defined within Table 6 of the final Interagency Agreement.

EPA would like to work closely with appropriate DOE representatives as the field treatability program proceeds. We remain concerned about the possible presence of organic compounds not amenable to carbon treatment, particularly in light of the recent addition of the incompletely characterized SW132 flows to the system. We also have continued interest in seeing DOE pursue the ability to provide real-time monitoring and/or recycle the

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treated water. It is EPA's position that full and open cooperation will help produce a successful IM/IRA, to the benefit of all parties. To this end, please coordinate with and direct questions on these matters to Mr. William Fraser, EPA OU 2 RPM, at 294-1132.

Sincerely,



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